

B² 7. (Twice Amended) The composition according to Claim 6, wherein the polar component of the emulsifier is selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene, succinic acid and succinic anhydride.

B³ 16. (Twice Amended) A physiologically acceptable cosmetic emulsion composition, comprising:

an aqueous phase dispersed in an oily phase, and an oligomeric or polymeric emulsifier comprising i) a polyolefinic apolar component comprising at least 40 carbon atoms and ii) at least one polar component, wherein said oily phase comprises at least one hydrocarbon oil and said at least one hydrocarbon oil is present in an amount of at least 40% by weight relative to the total weight of the oily phase.

B⁴ 19. (Twice Amended) A method of manufacturing a physiologically acceptable cosmetic W/O emulsion composition, comprising;

combining a physiologically acceptable aqueous medium in an amount such that water component of the cosmetic composition is at least 30% by weight of water relative to the total weight of the composition and an oily phase in the presence of at least one oligomeric or polymeric emulsifier comprising i) a polyolefinic apolar component comprising at least 40 carbon atoms and ii) at least one polar component, wherein said oily phase comprises at least one hydrocarbon oil and said at least one hydrocarbon oil is present in an amount of at least 40% by weight relative to the total weight of the oily phase.

B⁵ 25. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition comprises at least 80% by weight of aqueous phase and at least 30% by weight of water relative to the total weight of the composition.

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Please cancel claim 14.

Please add the following new claims.

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--29. (New) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition is a topical composition.

30. (New) The composition according to Claim 11, wherein the composition is a topical composition.

31. (New) The composition according to Claim 12, wherein the composition is a topical composition.

32. (New) The composition according to Claim 13, wherein the composition is a topical composition.

33. (New) The composition according to Claim 29, wherein the composition comprises at least 30% by weight of water relative to the total weight of the composition.

34. (New) The composition according to Claim 30, wherein the composition comprises at least 30% by weight of water relative to the total weight of the composition.

35. (New) The composition according to Claim 31, wherein the composition comprises at least 30% by weight of water relative to the total weight of the composition.

36. (New) The composition according to Claim 29, wherein the quantity of aqueous phase ranges from 40% to 95% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

37. (New) The composition according to Claim 30, wherein the quantity of aqueous phase ranges from 40% to 95% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

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~~38. (New) The composition according to Claim 35, wherein the quantity of emulsifier oligomer(s) or polymer(s) ranges from 0.1% to 10% by weight of active substance relative to the total weight of the composition.~~

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39. (New) A physiologically acceptable topical composition, comprising:
an aqueous phase dispersed in an oily phase, and an oligomeric or polymeric
emulsifier comprising i) a polyolefinic apolar component comprising at least 40 carbon atoms
and ii) at least one polar component, wherein the composition comprises at least 30% by
weight of water relative to the total weight of the composition, the quantity of aqueous phase
ranges from 40% to 95% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, and the
quantity of emulsifier oligomer(s) or polymer(s) ranges from 0.1% to 10% by weight of active
substance relative to the total weight of the composition.--

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

Claims 1, 16 and 19 have been amended to require that the oily phase comprise at
least one hydrocarbon oil and that the at least one hydrocarbon oil be present in an amount of
at least 40% by weight relative to the total weight of the oily phase. Support for this
amendment exists, *inter alia*, at page 11, lines 21-23.

Claims 7 and 25 have been amended in a non-limiting manner to correct minor
deficiencies in existing claim language.

New claims 29-39 have been added. Support for new claims 29-39 exists, *inter alia*,
at page 5, line 19, page 9, lines 15-16, page 10, lines 1-3 and page 13, lines 18-23.

Claims 1-13 and 15-39 are currently pending, although claims 17 and 21 have been
withdrawn from consideration.